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REMARKS

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SOURCE

25X1A Koermend.

1. In early June 1951, it was learned in Koermend (P 43/C 76) that the Russians were hauling lumber to Madasdi erdoo (Madasd Forest) (Y 3/C 75), reportedly for the construction of low wooden barracks buildings.
2. In late May and early June, members of the Hungarian 1931 class were being registered for the draft. (1) In late May, relatives of those who had fled from Koermend during the previous month were deported.

Szekesfehervar.

3. On 25 May 1951, about 25 Soviet lieutenants, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets and a few who wore black-bordered red epaulets, were observed in front of the Arpad Hotel in Szekesfehervar (Q 48/Z 00), which contained a hall, the walls of which were lined with visual aid charts. (2) Soviet troops were also billeted in the girls' school at the corner of Budai Street and Ujvarkoerut. (3)

25X1A Hungarian Uniforms.

4. On 26 May 1951, three Hungarian soldiers wearing red-bordered epaulets with narrow golden piping and collar patches with crossed-gun-barrel insignia boarded a train in Hajmasker (P 43/D 79) and rode as far as Veszprem (P 48/D 78). They wore khaki uniforms and Hungarian Army boots, but said that the Hungarian Armed Forces would be equipped with Soviet boots with fabric lugs in the near future. Judging by the conversation, the soldiers belonged to an artillery school. (4) On the same day, an AVH sentry wearing blue service color was observed standing guard at the entrance to the nitro-chemical plant in Pet, 20 km east of Veszprem. A Hungarian medical officer wearing black epaulets with stars arranged as shown below was seen in Budapest:

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5. In June 1950, six or seven large tanks removed from railroad tank cars were observed in the Soviet fuel depot on Sceptei Street in Szombathely (P 48/C 78), about 300 meters north of the intersection of this street with the railroad line to Koeszeg (P 48/X 60). The depot was guarded by Soviet sentries. The Hungarian ration supply depot on Sceptei Street was also used by Soviet troops.

25X1A Hungarian Inductions.

6. Although he had been registered for the draft in Koeszeg, together with 150 to 200 other draftees of the 1928 class, on 21 April 1949 and had filed no request for deferment from active duty, source had received no notice of induction prior to 2 March 1951, whereas numerous acquaintances of his, who belonged to the same class, were inducted in May 1949.

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Comments.

- (1) Pursuant to the National Defense Law of February 1950, all males are called up for active duty in the year in which they complete their 20th year of life. Hence, it is credible that contingents of the 1931 class were registered for the draft and were due for induction in the fall of 1951. 25X1A
- (2) Compare with a previous report, by the same source. See [REDACTED]
- (3) Another refugee previously stated that the former municipal girls' highschool on the south side of Dudas Street was occupied by a Hungarian military agency in 1949. See [REDACTED] 25X1A. However, source of the present report may refer to the former veterans' orphanage, located on the same street, which, according to a previous report by another refugee, still housed Soviet officer training courses in 1951. See [REDACTED] 25X1A 25X1A
- (4) A previous report stated that a motorized artillery school of the Hungarian Army was located at Hajmasker as early as August 1950. See [REDACTED] No artillery unit is known to be located in Veszprem.

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